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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Docket: OT-4551
Frederick H. Barker, et. al. : Date: March 19, 2002
Appln. No. 09/406,445 : Group Art Unit: 3652
Filing Date: September 27, 1999 : Examiner: T. Tran

Title: CONCRETE RAIL SAFETY DEVICE FOR AN ELEVATOR CAR

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2001, the response period having been extended by one month by the enclosed Petition and fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9, as shown in the Appendix, to read as follows:

9 -- The friction surface 24 is preferably a relatively high friction material such as vulcanized rubber (or other material) similar to an automobile tire. The material preferably will provide a coefficient of friction of about 1.0 relative to the non-metallic guide rail. The preferably higher coefficient of friction available in surface 24 than what would be employed in a conventional safety for use with a steel guide rail allows a lower pressure to be used against the concrete rail by the safety of the invention and